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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3399

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, ASEAN

SUBJECT: US DECISION NOT TO SEND GREETINGS DURING
ASEAN SUMMIT

1. IN PAST TWO DAYS, BOTH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY ROMULO HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO TELL ME THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED U.S. DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO SEND OFFICIAL GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO BALI MEETING OF ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. ROMULO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT U.S. RESTRAINT ON THIS MATTER WAS MOST ASTUTE AND VALUED BY ALL PRESENT. MARCOS TOLD ME IT WAS DISCUSSED WITH APPROVAL IN CLOSED SESSION OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

2. BOTH MEN HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISMAY THAT HANOI HAS CHOSEN TO CASTIGATE ASEAN. ROMULO SEES MOSCOW'S HAND
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IN THIS ACTION AND TALKS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AS THE

POTENTIAL CUBANS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS IN THE REGION WITH SOVIET LOGISTICS AND EQUIPMENT.

3. IN THIS SAME VEIN, MARCOS SPOKE OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE REED BANK AREA OFF PALAWAN WHERE PHILIPPINE AND VIETNAMESE (AS WELL AS CHINESE) CLAIMS CONFLICT. SWEDISH OIL EXPLORATION COMPANY, OPERATING UNDER PHILIPPINE SERVICE CONTRACT, WILL BEGIN WORK THERE SOON.
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